

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/c.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, March 14, 2013
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR RICHARD S. ANDREWS

The regular meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard S. Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matt Walsh

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Trustee Dennis Schermerhorn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

MAYOR’S REPORT – RICHARD ANDREWS

Mayor Andrews reported Stagg High School in Palos Hills will be hosting an arts and craft festival sponsored by the music boosters. The event will be held March 23rd from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. and March 24th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Andrews congratulated resident Jamie Duncan for achieving a perfect score on her ACT last year.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – TREASURER STEVE BUSA

Financial Report for the month ending February 28, 2013

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2013. For the month of February, he noted: total revenues were \$259,693.27; expenditures were \$214,870.07 and fund balances in all accounts at the end of February were \$1,131,088.44. Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2013, as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: Schermerhorn

Treasurer Busa noted a substantial amount of revenue from the Village’s portion of the first installment property tax bill is being received by the Village and is reflected in the February financial statement.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting – February 28, 2013

After review of meeting minutes, Trustee Bermier moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the February 28, 2013 Village Board meeting minutes, as amended. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (DISCUSSION AND A POSSIBLE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE)

1. Request from Bonny's Bistro for a Liquor License at 6690 Joliet Road, Indian Head Park and Amendment to the Village of Indian Head Park Liquor Ordinance (Ordinance #2013-3)

Mayor Andrews stated Jim and Dan McGarry, owners of Bonny's Bistro and Restaurant, have submitted a request for a business and liquor license for 6690 Joliet Road in the Brookside Plaza.

Dan McGarry thanked the Board for considering the request for a liquor license to open an Italian bistro in Indian Head Park. He added the quality of food and comfort level of the establishment to be opened fits well with Indian Head Park. Mr. McGarry stated he is requesting approval of a liquor license so that possibly in the future a gaming license could also be granted. Dan McGarry stated that he and his brother Jim started a business in Chicago about twelve years ago called Merchant Enterprises, one of the largest privately owned ATM companies in the City of Chicago. Mr. McGarry stated he takes pride in honesty and transparency and doing good business with people, one of his customers is one of the largest gaming operators in the state of Oregon and West Virginia and when rumors started circulating that gaming would be coming to Chicago he considered modeling this concept into his business. He added the concept is simple with a high level of commitment to customer satisfaction.

Mr. McGarry stated Bonny's Bistro is a casual dining Italian Bistro with a video gaming option. The owners of Bonny's are also part owners of Boiler Room Restaurant which is an exceptional pizza place in Chicago. The menu would include pizza, Panini sandwiches, breakfast sandwiches, bagels, croissants, pastries, desserts, gourmet coffee, soda and a small selection of alcohol beverages.

Mr. McGarry stated the business operation would be similar to a Noodles and Company with someone ordering the food at the counter and a server would deliver the food to the table. Mr. McGarry further stated if the liquor license is granted, he is interested in implementing a three drink maximum so more of the focus would be on casual dining with a gaming option instead of a bar setting. He added the plan is to offer beer only.

Mayor Andrews asked if the plan is to open the business with a liquor license contingent on getting a gaming license. Mr. McGarry stated the State of Illinois Gaming Board is turning around gaming licenses in about four months, there is a security deposit on the space at Brookside Plaza for the Bistro, there is a two month turnaround for plans to build out the space and by the time everything is finalized he hopes to receive a gaming permit from the Village before opening the business. Mr. McGarry stated that if the Board grants the business and liquor license, the interior build out of the space could be done while waiting for a gaming license.

Mayor Andrews inquired what the hours of the business operation would be. Mr. McGarry stated he would follow whatever the Village grants and most likely would be open early morning to about 10:00 p.m. Mayor Andrews asked if the gaming operation would be conducted from open to close. Mr. McGarry responded, yes. He noted the gaming operation would be segregated from the rest of the business operation.

Trustee Bailey asked if a business location was also selected in Countryside. Mr. McGarry stated he has a lease on a space also in the City of Countryside. Trustee Bailey asked how many seats will there be in the restaurant in Indian Head Park. Mr. Garry stated about fifteen to twenty seats are proposed for the Indian Head Park location and there would be five gaming machines. Trustee Anselmo asked how long the process was from beginning to end on the other leases. Mr. McGarry stated he is new to this concept in Chicago, there are no locations open yet, there are a few locations in progress, he signed a few leases and construction will be begin in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Andrews asked Mr. McGarry how many locations he has either in operation or pending in the process. Mr. McGarry stated there are three locations currently in the process (Countryside, Joliet, Matteson), Indian Head Park would be the fourth and he is committed to seeing it through to the end so all businesses succeed. Mr. McGarry stated he is interested in hiring staff locally from within the community to help support the community.

Mayor Andrews asked how many employees would be on duty during the business hours of operation. Mr. McGarry stated two employees would be duty and they would multitask. Trustee Anselmo stated parking is sometimes limited in the Brookside Plaza on Saturdays and Sundays when the Willow Hills Restaurant may be busy during those times. She asked approximately how many patrons would be at the Bistro at any given time. Mr. McGarry stated typically there is usually a steady flow of traffic in and out of the bistro throughout the day as opposed to a rush at a certain time. Mayor Andrews asked the type of liquor classifications that were requested for the three other locations. Mr. McGarry stated a beer and wine license for carry-out was requested at the three other locations and only a beer license is being requested at the Indian Head Park location.

John Wittenberg asked Mr. McGarry how many gaming machines would be installed at the bistro and will food be available for carryout. Mr. McGarry stated five gaming machines would be proposed for the Indian Head Park location and carryout food is not planned at this time. Chris Metz asked if any of the food would be prepared off-site. Mr. McGarry stated food would be prepared on the premises, most of the menu is sandwiches and easy prepared that do not require a lot of food preparation and there will be no raw food materials. Tom Hinshaw thanked Mr. McGarry and his partner for considering Indian Head Park as a location to open the bistro. Mr. McGarry stated he is looking forward to working with Indian Head Park and thanked the Board for considering his business plan.

Mayor Andrews stated if the Board was to approve the liquor license and grant the liquor license to Bonny's Bistro, it would be contingent upon the requirements of the liquor ordinance which requires a background check of applicants. Counsel Ramello stated the Board would need to amend the liquor ordinance to create a new liquor license to grant to the Bonny's Bistro. Trustee Walsh asked what the anticipated revenue per machine to the Village would be each year. Counsel Ramello stated the anticipated annual revenue per gaming machine is about \$11,000 to the Village. Mr. McGarry stated the gaming machines in Oregon and West Virginia are run by the lottery in those states and revenues from those machines are public information for each business site. Trustee Walsh asked if the gaming license is a yearly permit issued by the Village. Counsel Ramello responded, yes.

John Wittenberg asked if the gaming license would allow the business to sell power ball and lottery tickets. Mr. McGarry stated the gaming license would be strictly for the machines and there is no plan at this time to sell lottery tickets.

Mayor Andrews stated a draft ordinance was prepared for the Board's consideration to create a liquor license for Bonny's Bistro. Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the ordinance amending *Schedule B, Section 5.08.050*, of the Municipal Code entitled number of licenses of *Chapter 5.08*, entitled alcoholic liquor sales of the Indian Head Park Municipal Code.

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the ordinance amending *Schedule B, Section 5.08.050*, of the Municipal Code entitled number of licenses of *Chapter 5.08*, entitled alcoholic liquor sales of the Indian Head Park Municipal Code. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5/0/1).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: Schermerhorn

Mayor Andrews stated one gaming license was issued to another business establishment and at the proper time Bonny's Bistro would need to apply for a gaming license and follow the procedures for one to be issued at a public meeting.

2. Update – Indian Head Park Electric Aggregation Program

Mayor Andrews stated Constellation Energy was awarded the electric supplier contract for Indian Head Park for a period of twelve months at a rate of 4.899 cents per kilowatt hour. He noted this rate is also available to residents on the electric space heat rate in an all electric building. Mayor Andrews reported last week Constellation Energy sent out a letter with information to all residents about the aggregation program. He noted everyone that is eligible under the program should have received a letter about the electric aggregation program by this time, anyone that did not receive a letter may have already decided to select their own electric supplier and the toll free number for Constellation Energy is on the Village's website if residents have questions about joining the Village's program.

Mayor Andrews stated if a resident receives a letter from Constellation Energy and does not respond, they are automatically included in the Village's program. Robert Bersin, asked if the Acacia Clubhouse would be considered a small business that would qualify for the Village's rate with Constellation Energy. Counsel Ramello stated that would depend on the kilowatt hours used and 15,000 kilowatt hours or less is considered small business usage.

Louis Mini asked when the new electric rate would go into effect under the Village's electric aggregation program. Counsel Ramello stated either May or June the savings would be reflected on electric bills. Mayor Andrews stated the cut-over date will be sometime in May so the bill after the cut-over date will reflect the new electric supplier rate.

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jake Wittenberg, stated he is the co-coordinator of the Indian Head Park neighborhood watch who has teamed up with the Police Department to co-host the community awareness meetings and neighborhood watch meetings at the Village Hall. He asked Mayor Andrews and the Trustees if it would be possible to put something in Smoke Signals regarding the dates of those meetings so residents could be made aware of those meetings to attend.

Chief Alonzo stated that the dates of the meetings have been publicly posted on the Village Website. He added sometimes the meeting dates do not always correspond with when the newsletter will be sent to the residents.

Trustee Bermier stated the Easter Egg Hunt will be held again this year at Blackhawk Park on Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 a.m.

Louis Mini asked if there is any update on the completion of the sound wall along the tollway. Mayor Andrews stated that the tollway hopes to begin the construction at the end of this month to finish the section of the sound wall along the tollway once the materials are fabricated for construction purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:25 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5/0/1).

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Village Clerk/Recording Secretary